

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-24 (cancelled):

Claim 25 (new): An aqueous-based preparation for application to the skin or skin appendages comprises a mixture of at least two aqueous dispersions of film-forming polymers, wherein one dispersion is a polyurethane-based polymer and the other dispersion is an acrylic-based polymer, wherein the preparation has a viscosity in the range of between 0.02 and 3.8 Pa's measured at 25°C and with 200 s<sup>-1</sup>.

Claim 26 (new): A preparation as set forth in claim 25, wherein the polyurethane-based polymer comprises at least one polymer is selected from the group consisting of polyester polyurethanes, polyether polyurethanes, polyurethane polyvinyl pyrrolidones, acrylic polyurethanes, silicone-bearing polyurethanes and mixtures thereof.

Claim 27 (new): A preparation as set forth in claim 25, wherein the aqueous dispersions form between 50 and 90% by wt. with respect to the wt. of the final preparation.

Claim 28 (new): A preparation as set forth in claim 26, wherein the polyurethane-based polymer is present in an amount of between 1 and 60% by wt. with respect to the weight of the final preparation.

Claim 29 (new): A preparation as set forth in claim 25, wherein the acrylic-based polymer comprises an acrylic polymer obtained by polymerization of at least one monomer which contains an ethylenically unsaturated bond, selected from the group consisting of  $\alpha,\beta$ -ethylenically unsaturated carboxylic acids,  $\alpha,\beta$ -ethylenically unsaturated carboxylic acid esters,  $\alpha,\beta$ -ethylenically unsaturated carboxylic acid amides, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 30 (new): A preparation as set forth in claim 25, wherein the acrylic-based polymer is obtained by polymerization of monomers selected from the group consisting of acrylic acid, methacrylic acid, crotonic acid, maleic acid, itaconic acid, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 31 (new): A composition as set forth in claim 25, wherein the acrylic-based polymer is selected from aryl and alkyl acrylates and mixtures thereof.

Claim 32 (new): A preparation as set forth in claim 31, wherein the acrylic-based polymer comprises a mixture of acrylates copolymer and styrene/acrylic copolymers.

Claim 33 (new): A preparation as set forth in claim 25, wherein the polymers are present in the dispersions in the form of particles of a size of between 10 and 1000 nm.

Claim 34 (new): A preparation as set forth in claim 25, wherein the polymers in the dispersions have film-forming temperatures of below 30°C.

Claim 35 (new): A preparation as set forth in claim 25, wherein at least 30% by wt. of the polymers which are contained in the dispersions are water-resistant in the dried condition and have

a glass transition temperature of below 10°C.

Claim 36 (new): A preparation as set forth in claim 25, wherein between 5 and 30% by wt. of one or more of the dispersions have a block or portion whose glass transition temperature in the dried condition is higher than 30°C.

Claim 37 (new): A preparation as set forth in claim 25, further comprising, conventional constituents selected from the group of plasticisers, wetting agents, anti-foaming agents, coloring agents, preserving agents, fragrances, flavoring agents and mixtures thereof.

Claim 38 (new): A preparation as set forth claim 30, further comprising at least one pigment.

Claim 39 (new): A preparation as set forth in claim 30, further comprising at least one thickener.

Claim 40 (new): A preparation as set forth in claim 39, wherein the thickener is selected from the group consisting of natural and/or synthetic and/or modified polysaccharides, mineral and/or modified mineral thickeners, silicate thickeners, celluloses and modified celluloses, non-ionic associative thickeners and/or copolymer thickeners and mixtures thereof.

Claim 41 (new): A preparation as set forth in claim 25, further comprising at least one polysaccharide, at least one mineral thickener and at least one vegetable gum.

Claim 42 (new): A preparation as set forth in claim 39, wherein the thickener is selected from the group consisting of cellulose, a cellulose derivative, a silicatic thickener, xanthane gum and mixtures thereof.

Claim 43 (new): A preparation as set forth in claim 42, wherein cellulose, silicate and xanthane gum are present in a ratio of between 1:1:4 and 1:2:6.

Claim 44 (new): A preparation as set forth in claim 39, wherein the thickener is present in an amount of between 0.2 and 20% by wt. with respect to the weight of the final composition.

Claim 45 (new): A preparation as set forth in claim 39, wherein the thickener is present in an amount of between 0.2 and 5% by wt. with respect to the weight of the final composition.

Claim 46 (new): A preparation as set forth in claim 25, comprising a keratinic material.

Claim 47 (new): A preparation as set forth in claim 45, for application to hair, eyelashes and/or eyebrows.

Claim 48 (new): A preparation as set forth in claim 45, comprises make up for the eyes and eyelashes.

Claim 49 (new): A device for applying a preparation as set forth in claim 25, comprise a container which can accommodate the preparation and which has a neck portion with a screwthread and a seal, and an applicator element which at its one end has a brush and at its other end a handle which forms a closure cap, wherein the brush head is of a diameter in the range of between 5.5 and 6.5 mm and is of a length in the range of between 12.5 and 17.5 mm and wherein the bristles are arranged in a helical arrangement radially around a central portion with a large number of turns.